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SUBJECT: COMMENT ON FONSEC CALLAGHAN SPEECH TO AFRICAN

HEADS OF MISSION IN LONDON

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1. IN DISCUSSING PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES WITH  
HEADS OF AFRICAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN LONDON ON JULY 2  
(REFTEL), FONSEC CALLAGHAN ENDORSED GENERAL SPINOLA'S  
INSISTENCE ON A REFERENDUM PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE.

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CALLAGHAN NOTED THAT IF ELECTIONS PRECEDE INDEPENDENCE

NEW GOVERNMENTS WOULD HAVE STAMP OF LEGITIMACY, THUS ALSO IMPLYING GREATER STABILITY AND INTERNATIONAL ACCEPTABILITY. AT SAME TIME BY NOTING THAT PROBLEM OF GUINEA BISSAU COULD WELL BE SETTLED WITHIN A SHORT TIME, CALLAGHAN RECOGNIZED THAT INDEPENDENCE FOR GUINEA BISSAU COULD BE GRANTED WITHOUT PRIOR ELECTIONS. EMBOFF WAS TOLD AT FCO ON JULY 3 THAT CALLAGHAN HAD BEEN INFORMED BY PORTUGUESE FONMIN SOARES AT OTTAWA THAT PORTUGAL RECOGNIZED GUINEA BISSAU CONSTITUTED SPECIAL CASE BECAUSE "STATE OF GUINEA BISSAU" RECOGNIZED BY 89 (SIC) NATIONS AND BECAUSE OF ITS SPECIAL STATUS AT UN.

2. CALLAGHAN'S COMMENTS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN RHODESIA TO NO ONE'S SURPRISE KEPT BRITISH POSITION IN LINE WITH ANC. FONSEC, HOWEVER, SUGGESTED NO NEW APPROACHES TO DEADLOCKED NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ANC AND SMITH GOVERNMENT AND ONLY ACTION HE NOTED BEING TAKEN BY BRITISH GOVT. IS SAME OLD ONE OF WORKING TO STRENGTHEN SANCTIONS.

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